

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND ABOUT TOWN

News and Gossip of Washington and Washingtonians Tensely Told.

Clerks laid down pens, the click-click of the numerous typewriters ceased abruptly, and all ears became alert at the sharp, bell-like sound that reverberated throughout the building.

It was in the City Hall, that ancient pile of masonry, steel and cement corridors where the slightest sound of raucous dimensions is seldom heard, and where the stillness, aggravated by the rigorous decorum demanded in the court rooms, seems always sepulchral.

Thoughts of dire calamity were plainly visible on the sober and earnest faces of the clerks of the city hall, and the colored porters, messengers, and elevator operators, given by nature to fright, were all a-quiver.

One thoughtful man in the Recorder of Deeds' office suggested a fire drill. Another ventured the assertion: "The flag on it."

He of sportive persuasion expressed a desire to "set 'em up in the other alley." Deputy Marshal Ryan, attached to Chief Spaulding's office, went on a still hunt and found the suspected fire alarm was caused by an awkward youth stumbling over a steel cuspoid in the basement corridor, and all hands went back to work.

Ashlar Club to Meet.
The Ashlar Club of Master Masons will meet Saturday night in its club rooms, Old Masonic Temple, Ninth and F streets northwest. The entertainment will include music by W. Clifford Stumph, soloist of Epiphany church; Clay E. Holmes and Robert Gooch, and an illustrated lecture by R. A. Young, of the Department of Agriculture.

May Revise B. and O. Schedules.
The Baltimore and Ohio schedules for fall and winter service may be revised considerably as a result of a meeting of passenger traffic officials of the system held at Pittsburgh September 25 and 26.

Urges Volunteer System.
The Democratic platform plank relating to industrial preparedness and to the volunteer military system were unanimously endorsed by the Women's Preparedness, Peace and Prosperity League at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Rockwell Hotel. The proposition for compulsory military service was severely criticized and a resolution was adopted requesting all political parties to take a stand for the volunteer system.

Cotton Exports Heavy.
That cotton to the amount of 33,690 bales was exported from the twelve principal customs districts of the United States was announced by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce last night. The exports for the corresponding period last year were 31,083.

Courts Will Filed.
By the will of James C. Courts, clerk to the House Committee on Appropriations, who died September 17, the widow, Lenora J. Courts, is made the sole beneficiary. The will, which bears date of November 8, 1911, was filed for probate today. Mrs. Courts is named executrix without bond.

Woman's Gold Watch Stolen.
Mrs. Britton Stone, of 1721 D St. S. E., told the police yesterday that a woman's gold watch and a long neck chain, valued at \$100, was stolen from the bed room of her home some time since September 9.

Two Held for Grand Jury.
Carl H. Furrer and George Craig, charged with breaking and entering the art gallery of A. Mendelsohn and stealing art goods valued at \$54, were bound over to the grand jury today in the Police Court. Their bond was fixed at \$1,000 each. Detective William Messer arrested the men.

Defective Flue Causes Fire.
Fire caused by a defective flue did \$250 damage to the home of Jesse F. Gage, 1621 Monroe street northeast, yesterday evening.

Overturns in Delivery Car.
Robert Howard, of 211 Virginia avenue southwest, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon, when an automobile delivery car, of the Finley Branch Market, which he was driving, overturned on Georgia avenue near Longfellow street northwest.

Flowers for Fall Weddings.
Get Gude's estimate and suggestions for flowers and decorations. 1214 F St. S. E. Adv.

Film a Library for People Who Would Rather Run Than Read

Producers Giving Short Cuts to
Literary Knowledge With
Book Plays.

NOW ADAPT MODERN NOVELS

Two New and Popular Stories
To Be Produced in Motion
Pictures.

Will the motion picture turn itself into a "million-minute-library" for the benefit of people who haven't the time or the patience to read the books of the day? One of the big advantages of film that have been urged by its friends lies in its ability to present the salient features of a story in an hour that would require a day or two of solid reading of the book to obtain. The facts of history and the plots of novels can be given in this way, and if the person seeing the film wishes to learn more of the book or the historical subject it is an easy matter to find it in its original form.

For a person who wishes to keep up with the literature of the day or who wishes to have visualized for him the big literary characters of the classics, the motion picture is regarded as a real labor-saving device. As a stimulus to reading it has recently attracted the attention of teachers of English.

When the Klein production of "Quo Vadis" in motion pictures was made, two entire new editions of the book were sold as a direct result. The publishers of Bulwer's "The Last Days of Pompeii" state that they were compelled to get out new editions after the production of the film play to supply the new demand.

TODAY'S BEST FILMS.

Plaza, Ninth, between D and E streets and Navy, Eighth street southeast—Grace Darling and Harry Fox in "The Times-Beatrice Fair" stories from real life.
Garden, 423 Ninth street—Billie Burke in "Love's Reward" (Kleins).
Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue—Donald Brian in "The Smugglers" (Famous Players).
Circle, 205 Pennsylvania avenue—Lana Cavalli in "The Shadow of Her Past."
Home, Twelfth and C streets northeast—Marguerite Clark in "Out of the Night" (Famous Players).
Washington, Eighteenth and California streets—Bertha Kalich in "Ambition" (Famous Players).
Loew's Columbia, Twelfth and F streets—Valentine Grant in "The Daughter of MacGregor" (Famous Players).
Leader, Ninth, between E and F streets—Vivian Martin in "The Stronger Love" (Morosco).
Casino, Seventh and F streets—"The Fall of a Nation," by Thomas Dixon, Jr., author of "The Birth of a Nation," with a musical score by Victor Herbert.
Crandall's, Ninth and E streets—Beatrice Michels in "The Unlabeled" (Famous Players).
Savoy, Fourteenth street and Columbia road—Mary Pickford in "The Girl from Holland" (Famous Players).
Apollo, 624 H street northeast—Rita Jolivet in "An International Marriage" (Morosco).
Avenue Grand, 645 Pennsylvania avenue southeast—Mabel Talliaferro in "God's Half Acre."
Strand, Ninth and D streets—Frank Keenan and End Markley in "War's Woman," directed by Thomas H. Ince.

LOCAL MENTION.

Harvey's Seafood Platter Today, 12 to 3 p. m. to 8:30, 50c. Lobster newburg, deviled crab, fried oysters, potato and slaw. Other reasonable delicacies. 1113 and 12th ave. S. E.

22-c Gold Crown, \$3.54. Guaranteed. Vaughan's Dental Office, 37 7th St. N. W.

The Sunday Evening Times has all the acknowledged advantages of evening newspaper circulation with none of the disadvantages of Sunday morning newspapers of many sections.



LILLIAN TUCKER,
Star Who Is to Appear With Earle Williams in the Third and Fourth Chapters of "The Scarlet Runner."

be engaged as chauffeur. The story has been divided into twelve distinct film chapters, each of which will have its separate cast—the only feature being the name in each is the automobile and the young man playing the part of its owner.

Earle Williams is to be the hero of all these stories as the amateur chauffeur. In the first episode his leading woman will be Marguerite Blake. Adele Kelly will have the lead in the second; Lillian Tucker in the third and fourth; Zena Keefe in the fifth; Betty Howe in the sixth; Billie Billings in the seventh; Jean Stuart in the eighth; Gypsy O'Brien in the ninth; Louisa Valentine in the tenth and Edith Storey in the eleventh and twelfth. Wally Van and W. P. S. Earle were in charge of the production of the films.

The other book play to be produced by the Vitaphone Company is "The Girl Philippi" by Robert W. Chambers, which has just been completed as a serial story in the Cosmopolitan Magazine. Anita Stewart is to have the principal role in this film. The making of the picture has just been started. Production has been delayed by the serious illness of Miss Stewart. For the past two months she has been suffering from typhoid fever, and for a time it was thought she could not survive. Her splendid health manifested itself in resistance to the disease, however, and she has just returned from the Adirondacks, where she has been convalescing.

Riley Memorial Film Fund.
Indiana is in the midst of a celebration of its centennial this week, and in Indianapolis the motion picture is playing a big part in the centennial and in the raising of funds for a memorial to the late James Whitcomb Riley. The Selig company last winter undertook to reproduce

PHOTOPLAYS

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THE FALL OF A NATION

Thomas Dixon's Sensational Sequel to
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The unprecedented rush of theatergoers to witness this great film spectacle warrants an indefinite extension of the engagement at the Casino.

But it positively will be withdrawn on Saturday night. The Casino is under a binding contract, made several months ago, to present next Sunday

For the First Time In Any Theater
E. H. SOTHERN in "THE CHATTEL"

This is the first of the famous E. H. Sothern pictures. It is the first appearance on the screen of America's greatest actor. There will be no advance of prices for this record-breaking premiere at the Casino Theater next Sunday afternoon.

DATA ON COLUMBUS A MUNSEY'S FEATURE

Twenty-three Cities Claim Honor
of Being Explorer's Birth-
place, Says Writer.

Seven cities claimed Homer as a native son, but no less than twenty-three have claimed to house the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. There are nine more or less famous portraits of the famous explorer, yet no two of them look alike. It is about these uncertainties as to the origin and personal appearance of the discoverer of America that an absorbingly interesting article in the October issue of Munsey's Magazine, on sale today, has to do.

"Of all the great men who have played a momentous part in the history of the modern world," says Frank Owen Payne, author of the article, "there is probably none of whom so much has been written and said, but of whom so little is positively known, as the discoverer of America."

Amplified Illustrated.
The article is amplified illustrated, as is also a particularly illuminating one by J. W. McCoshay in the course of instruction given recently at the American Red Cross Nurses' school at Seaside, N. Y.

Four excellent and snappy short

stories and new installments of "The Young Blood," by Fred Jackson; "Thieves' Will," by Hubert Footner, and "Children of Passion," by Mary Taylor, afford delightful action reading. Particularly appealing for its human interest features is the complete novelette entitled "Waifs," by Grace Sartwell Mason.



MOUNTAIN tops can't be seen in a mist. An' many a mountain o' trouble disappears in a cloud o' Velvet smoke. *Velvet Joe*

Open 8:45 A. M. Open Until 6:00 P. M. Saturday Close 5:30 P. M.
Kann's Daily Bulletin

Have You Seen the Latest Combination Blouses In Street Shades

Designed for wear with the new suits? They are fetching combinations of silk and chiffon or Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine. Plaid and striped taffeta silk in dark rich brown and blue combinations, combined with plain colored chiffon; and navy blue crepe de chine with white Georgette crepe; some have the upper part of one material and the lower of the other; others have the sheer fabric in vest and sleeves.

The styles are plain tailored, or semi-tailored. We also are showing plenty of white and flesh colored blouses in frilly styles, of crepe de chine and Georgette crepe, at the same price. **\$5.75**

PRACTICAL BLOUSES for business wear, of striped tub silk, satin striped tub silk, crepe de chine, and plain china **\$2.50**
Bargain Table—Street Floor.

Dainty Scrim Curtains Ready to Hang in Your Freshly Cleaned and Re-decorated Rooms for Fall.

More than a dozen patterns to choose from. Very attractive curtains that not only are pretty, but are serviceable; can be quickly and easily laundered without starch, and require no stretching.

Laces are 1 to 5 inches wide, in Filet, Cluny, and Scotch designs; white, cream and ecru; straight and Dutch styles, with top valance. Values to \$2.49 pair. Sale price, Thursday **\$1.55** PAIR

Kann's—Third Floor.

Sleeping Is a Delight in the Cool Nights of Early Fall, Especially Under Such Fleecy Blankets and Soft Comforts

As you will find in our Bedwear Store at prices—considering quality and variety—scarcely matchable in this city.

70x80 CALIFORNIA WOOL BLANKETS, soft close finish, made from the best California wools, with pink, blue, and yellow borders, also plaids, tan, gray, red, pink, blue, and black combined with white; and plain gray blankets with pink, blue, and white borders; finished with mohair or silk bindings. Unusually good value at **\$5.00**

68x80 BLANKETS in white, and gray of wool with a slight admixture of cotton, which prevents shrinkage, finished with pink, blue, and yellow borders. The white have mohair bindings, and the gray are finished with the crocheted edge, at **\$3.45**

WOOLNAP BLANKETS, in pink, blue, tan, plaids, also in white with pink and blue borders. Plaids 68x80 in. White 68x80 in. **\$2.50** at remarkable good value in these comforts.

Made with covers of fine French satin, or silklike; some in a combination of strips of material of different colors, making attractive coverings. Size 72x80; soft, fluffy cotton filling, choice **\$2.00**

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